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DESTROY OF TERRORIST CAMPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of terrorist camps being operated against India in Pakistan and Pak occupied Kashmir with the help of ISI;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the number of terrorists sent to India from these camps;

(c) if so, the effective measures being taken in this regard;

(d) the details of ISI activities at different places of Indo-Pak borders and LoC as observed by the Armed forces;

(e) the steps taken to check the Pakistan sponsored terrorism;

(f) the number of terrorists killed by the armed forces during the last six months;
(g) whether the infiltration across the border is going on even after the mediation of USA and assurance by Pakistan;
(h) if so, whether the Government have assessed the current situation; and
(i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There are about 70 to 80 terrorist training camps operating in Pakistan occupied Kashmir & Pakistan.

(b) & (c): As per information available with the Army about 97 terrorists have infiltrated into Jammu & Kashmir during the month of June, 2002. Adequate military measures have been taken to check terrorist infiltration from across the Line of Control/International Border in Jammu & Kashmir. These include a multi-tiered defensive-cum-counter infiltration posture on the Line of Control, with all known routes of infiltration being guarded and patrolled by troops deployed on ground. Although, due to configuration of terrain and the prevailing climatic conditions, it is not possible to hermetically seal the Line of Control, the counter, infiltration posture is being constantly reviewed based on intelligence inputs.

(d) & (e): ISI continues to harbour, train and fund the terrorist organisations operating in Jammu & Kashmir. Suitable military measures have been put in place by the Army to address the problem of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, through a continuous process of technological upgrades and refinement in operating procedures.

(f) As per the reports available, 762 terrorists have been killed by the Indian Army and Rashtriya Rifles in Jammu & Ka shmir during the period of January to June, 2002.

(g) to (i): Infiltration into Jammu & Kashmir, continues, though there is a marginal reduction. In June, 2002, four infiltration bids were foiled in which 14 terrorists were killed. The marginal reduction in infiltration, can be attributed to the enhanced vigil being maintained by our troops. These trends would need to be watched for some more time before any conclusive assessment can be made.